



Pre-Tournament Notes – Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron

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Dates: August 19-22, 2021

Where: Boise, Idaho

Course: Hillcrest Country Club (71 / 6,880)

Course Designer: A. Vernon Macan (1940), Robert Muir Graves (1968/Redesign)

Field: 150 players

Defending Champion: Stephan Jaeger

Purse: \$1,000,000 (\$180,000/winner)

Format: 72-hole stroke play

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Things to Know

- The Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron is the first event of the Korn Ferry Tour Finals; the field consists of players who finished Nos. 1-75 in the Korn Ferry Tour regular season points standings as well as players who finished Nos. 126-200 in the FedExCup standings
- The Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron is one of the original four tournaments from 1990 that are still on the Korn Ferry Tour's schedule; famous Korn Ferry Tour alumni have played in Boise on their way to the PGA TOUR, including Jason Day (2007), Bubba Watson (2005), Xander Schauffele (2016) and Justin Thomas (2014)
- Defending tournament champion **Stephan Jaeger** has a chance to make history this week; no player in the Korn Ferry Tour's 32-year history has successfully defended their title; additionally, a win would be his seventh on Tour, matching the all-time record currently held by Jason Gore

Finals 101

The Korn Ferry Tour returns to Boise, Idaho, for the first event of the three-event Korn Ferry Tour Finals at the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron. The tournament follows the regular season finale at last week's Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna that saw 25 players earn their PGA TOUR card through the regular season standings. The Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron precedes the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship and the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance. The Finals events include the following players:

- The top-75 point leaders from the Korn Ferry Tour's regular season points standings
- Players who finished 126-200 in the PGA TOUR's FedExCup standings
- Non-members who have earned enough FedExCup points based on their performance on the PGA TOUR to place them 126-200 on that points list
- Players competing on PGA TOUR medical extensions

While 25 Korn Ferry Tour players have already earned their PGA TOUR cards through the regular season, a separate points list for the Korn Ferry Tour Finals will determine the remaining 25 PGA TOUR cards (The Finals 25). The player who earns the most points during the three Finals events (excluding The 25 from the regular season) will earn fully exempt status on the PGA TOUR for the 2021-22 season, as well as an invitation to THE PLAYERS Championship.

The ordering of all 50 players after the Korn Ferry Tour Finals will be done on an alternating basis, with the top position going to the leading points winner from The 25, and the second position going to the leading points winner from The Finals 25. The sequence then alternates between The 25 (Nos. 3, 5, 7, 9, etc.) and The Finals 25 (Nos. 4, 6, 8, 10, etc.) through the 25th player on both lists.

Field Notes (as of 8/10/21)

- Field headlined by six of the top 10 and 19 of the top 25 in the Korn Ferry Tour points standings, including points standings leader **Stephan Jaeger**
- Field includes 73 past Korn Ferry Tour winners with 102 total wins, led by **Stephan Jaeger** with six
- Field includes 20 PGA TOUR winners with 34 total wins, led by **Aaron Baddeley, Sean O'Hair** and **Camilo Villegas** with four apiece
- Both runners-up from the 2020 Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron are in the field this week (**Dan McCarthy & Brandon Wu**)

2020 Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Stephan Jaeger	65	64	65	68	262 (-22)
T2	Dan McCarthy	67	69	64	64	264 (-20)
T2	Brandon Wu	67	66	63	68	264 (-20)
T4	Nicholas Lindheim	67	69	65	64	265 (-19)
T4	Justin Lower	65	71	63	66	265 (-19)

- After carrying a one-stroke lead into the final round, **Stephan Jaeger** carded a final-round 3-under 68 to edge **Dan McCarthy** and **Brandon Wu** by two strokes
- The win was the first of the season for Jaeger and fifth overall of his career; he would go on to get his sixth win at the 2021 Emerald Coast Classic at Sandestin

Past Champions

Year	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Margin
2020	Stephan Jaeger	65	64	65	68	262 (-22)	2
2019	Matthew NeSmith	65	67	67	66	265 (-19)	1
2018	Sangmoon Bae	65	67	67	66	265 (-19)	4
2017	Chesson Hadley	67	68	68	65	268 (-16)	4
2016	Michael Thompson	67	66	64	64	261 (-23)	1
2015	Martin Piller	61	63	65	67	256 (-28)	3
2014	Steve Wheatcroft	64	66	65	65	260 (-24)	1
2013	Kevin Tway	65	69	63	64	261 (-23)	Playoff
2012	Luke Guthrie	64	71	62	65	262 (-22)	4
2011	Jason Kokrak	68	68	63	67	266 (-18)	2
2010	Hunter Haas	68	64	67	64	263 (-21)	1
2009	Fran Quinn	68	65	68	69	270 (-14)	1
2008	Chris Tidland	69	65	66	64	264 (-20)	4
2007	Jon Mills	65	68	66	64	263 (-21)	3
2006	Kevin Stadler	64	64	70	66	264 (-20)	1
2005	Greg Chalmers	66	65	69	69	269 (-15)	Playoff
2004	Scott Gump	66	68	68	68	270 (-14)	2
2003	Roger Tambellini	68	65	66	68	267 (-17)	6
2002	Jason Gore	66	68	66	73	273 (-11)	2
2001	Michael Long	66	69	67	68	270 (-14)	1
2000	Tim Clark	66	67	67	67	269 (-15)	6
1999	Carl Paulson	69	66	65	66	266 (-18)	4

1998	Mike Sposa	63	71	66	65	265 (-19)	2
1997	Iain Steel	67	66	66	68	267 (-17)	3
1996	Matt Gogel	67	65	67	71	270 (-14)	1
1995	Frank Licklitter II	66	66	68		200 (-13)	1
1994	Keith Fergus	65	69	64		198 (-15)	Playoff
1993	Tommy Moore	68	67	64		199 (-14)	3
1992	Jaime Gomez	67	68	67		202 (-11)	1
1991	Russell Beiersdorf	67	66	69		202 (-11)	Playoff
1990	Ricky Smallridge	64	67	68		199 (-14)	3

Course Information – Hillcrest Country Club

- Years Hosted: 1990-present
- Scoring Average (2020): 69.037
- Toughest Hole (2020): No. 8, Par 3, 213 yards – 3.168 / +0.168
- Easiest Hole (2020): No. 16, Par 5, 535 yards – 4.333 / -0.667

Tournament Records

- 18-hole Score: 59 (Russell Knox/R2/2013)
- 72-hole Score: 256 (-28/Martin Piller/2015)
- Holes-in-One: 31 (Most Recent: 2019/Brett Stegmaier/R2/No. 17)

Last week on Tour – Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna (August 12-15)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	David Skinns	67	67	69	67	270 (-14)
T2	Marty Dou	69	66	69	67	271 (-13)
T2	Jared Wolfe	68	67	71	65	271 (-13)

- The Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna concluded the 2020-21 combined regular season last week in Omaha, Nebraska
- David Skinns birdied the par-4 16th hole and got up and down on each of his last two holes to clinch the one-stroke victory; with the win, the 39-year-old Englishman earned his first PGA TOUR card
- Skinns joined **Austin Smotherman** as the only two players to move into The 25 who began the week on the outside looking in; both players will debut as rookies on TOUR next season
- **Jared Wolfe** came up just short in his bid to earn a third victory and fully exempt status on the PGA TOUR in 2021-22
- **Taylor Montgomery** missed the cut last week to eventually finish 26th in the points standings and miss his first PGA TOUR card by a single spot; over the past five seasons, four of the last five players who finished 26th in the regular season standings went on to earn their card in the Finals (**Chris Baker**/2019, Keith Mitchell/2017, Xander Schauffele/2016, **Rob Oppenheim**/2015); **Kevin Dougherty** (2018) is the lone player since 2015 to finish 26th in the season-long standings and not go on to earn his card in the Finals